

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 612
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend General Shale Products Corporation of Johnson City upon receiving the Tennessee Quality Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor those institutions who through their abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to this state; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, there was increasing cognizance and concern that the key to effective international competition and domestic economic viability resided in the quality of goods and services produced by American industry. The result was the development of the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award, which was signed into law in 1982; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1991, states began introducing quality award programs comparable to the Malcolm Baldrige Award; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Quality Award program is the most successful state or local program of this type and is one of the most prestigious industrial awards an organization can receive; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Tennessee Quality Award program reflects the organization's emphasis on promoting the economic well-being of Tennessee by encouraging quality awareness and education, recognizing exemplary achievements and sharing successful strategies and best practices among all organizations; and

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WHEREAS, General Shale Products Corporation is one such outstanding business that has received highly deserved recognition through the Tennessee Quality Award program, being one of only a select few businesses and institutions named winners in the fifth year of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, the General Shale Products Corporation was created in 1928 by a merger of two brick plants in Johnson City and Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, during the first year of production, the company manufactured only 55 million bricks; and

WHEREAS, today, the General Shale Products Corporation's current annual production capacity is in excess of one billion bricks with twelve brick plants in six states; and

WHEREAS, under the august leadership of President and Chief Executive Officer Dick Green, General Shale Products is one of the largest brick producers in the nation; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend General Shale Products Corporation of Johnson City for their demonstration of exemplary quality as clearly demonstrated through the careful evaluation of their system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend General Shale Products Corporation of Johnson City upon receiving the Tennessee Quality Award and to extend our best wishes for continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.